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INJUNCTION SOUGHT.

S. W. Potter Trying to Annul the Corporation, Which Would Injure Our School.

For some time, previous to his arrest on the charge of lewdness by the corporation authorities, S. W. Potter had threatened to bring suit to enjoin the corporation of Crossville from levying and collecting taxes. His recent trouble has brought the matter to a focus and last week through his attorney, G. C. Peek, he asked Judge H. A. Roberts, of this chancery division, for an injunction against the city to restrain it from levying and collecting taxes.

Attorney C. E. Keyes, for the city, drafted a counter bill and all parties to the suit went to Livingston Friday and presented the case for his decision as to granting the prayed for injunction.

Judge Roberts did not grant the injunction then and stated to the litigants that he would go over the papers carefully within a few days and if he deemed it advisable he would come here and take testimony in the case before rendering his final decision. Word was received from him Monday saying that he would not be able to give his decision for a few days on account of other pressing matters that demanded his immediate attention.

The situation seems to be about this. It is claimed that there is a defect in the charter due to having had a certain repealing measure passed by the legislature and failure to have another corrective measure passed also. The first measure passed, but the second or corrective measure did not get through.

Attorney C. E. Keyes thinks it probable that a certain ordinance that was passed by the board of mayor and aldermen may act in a corrective capacity and thus prevent the injunction from being granted.

Should the injunction be granted and maintained it would prevent the city from levying taxes for school purposes the same as other things and thus cut short our school for this year and next.

Several citizens have stated that they would make personal contribution sufficient to pay the salary of Marshal Hill Lowrey and thus enable the city to keep him. Numerous persons will pay their taxes just the same whether or not the injunction sticks. Looking at the matter in the worst possible light it is certain that the lawabiding people of Crossville are fully determined that order and decent behaviour shall be supported at any cost until such a time as the claimed defect in the city charter can be corrected by the legislature.

Recently two splendid families have moved here from Clifty because Crossville has become noted as a town of good order and good schools. We hear it rumored that Dr. W. B. Young, manager of the coal mines at Clifty, is considering moving to Crossville. Such citizens are a splendid addition to any town and our people are much gratified at the recent additions and the prospective ones also.

Some persons when asked to sign the counter petition against the injunction stated that they wished to be "neutral" and take no part in the controversy in any way. The editor of the Chronicle wishes it understood that when it comes to public matters he is "neutral" in nothing. We signed the petition opposed to the injunction and would do the same again under like conditions.

We could not get the names of those who signed the petition in opposition to the injunction, but the following are the names of those who signed the injunction petition including Mr. Potter: S. W. Potter, Wm. Dayton, Jack Davenport, R. E. Hamby, Roe Hyder, Peter Weaver, Fielding Dayton, M. H. Burnett, J. T. Mosier, O. T. Watson, Marge Watson, A. M. Roy, George Smith, P. E. Jarrett, Hardin Smith, H. P. Burnett.

WILL BE QUIET AFFAIR.

Word has been given out that the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Gault will take place at the Gault home in Washington, the last of December. It is to be a very quiet affair, no invitations will be issued. None except members of the two immediate families are expected to be present.

ACTIVITY AROUSED.

Memphis-to-Bristol Highway Commission to Be Looked After and Given Information.

Thursday night a very representative company of the business men of Crossville met in the court house in response to the call of G. W. Cline, chairman of the eastern division of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway, and discussed the situation.

The final decision resulted in the appointment of two committees. The first committee, consisting of A. J. McGuire, Dr. V. L. Lewis and J. E. Burnett, was appointed to raise the necessary funds to defray all expenses of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway commission while here and to convey them to Rockwood.

The second committee, composed of J. W. Dorton, A. J. McGuire and Judge G. P. Burnett, was appointed to collect the necessary data showing what had been done on the Memphis-to-Bristol highway long with what is still needed to open our county to easy automobile traffic.

It was further decided that the commission would be kept here over night and a rousing highway meeting held in the court house that night.

Much interest was manifested by all present and indications point to some action resulting that will really prove effective and of benefit to the cause of good roads in this county.

WILL BE HERE.

The Memphis-to-Bristol Highway Commission Will Reach Crossville Monday.

The itinerary of the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway Commission has been sent out and shows that the commission plans to reach Crossville at six o'clock Monday afternoon and stay here over night leaving for Rockwood Tuesday morning.

As previously stated in these columns there will be a road meeting in the court house Monday night.

Those comprising the company that will make the inspection trip are:

James Palmer, President, Memphis-to-Bristol Commission, Nashville.
Chas. C. Gilbert, Secretary, Nashville.

Geo. W. Cline, Crossville.

Jere Whitson, Cookeville.

J. M. Taylor, Cave.

W. F. Carter, Johnson City.

Dr. A. E. Foster, Lees Springs.

Arthur Crowner, Chairman, State Highway Department.

J. J. Murray, Secretary, State Highway Department.

THE POTATO CROP.

The October report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the principal potato states, Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin is as follows:

Maine: Crop of 1914, 33,800,000 bushels; of 1915, 17,558,000 bushels.

Michigan: 1914, 44,044,000 bushels; 1915, 23,648,000 bushels.

Wisconsin: 1914, 37,696,000 bushels; 1915, 30,468,000 bushels.

Totals: 1914, 115,540,000 bushels; 1915, 71,670,000 bushels. Shortage, 1915, less than 1914, 43,866,000 bushels.

The shortage is about 37 1-2 per cent.

These are the principal potato states. Not much surplus for the South this year.

The report says: "Not only will the crop be short, but the keeping qualities probably poor."

Observer.

GOOD ROADS LOST.

Tuesday of last week Overton county voted on the question of good roads for the second time this year. It failed by a vote of 274 out of a vote of 2,500 cast. This is the fourth time the question has been voted on in that county. The first time there were only 90 votes cast for good roads, but since that time the sentiment has been growing wonderfully and the good roads enthusiasts think it will surely carry when it comes up again, and that time is thought not to be many months off.

\$100,000 ROAD BONDS SOLD FOR PAR.

CONTRACT SIGNED SATURDAY WITH CHICAGO FIRM.

Date of Delivery Fixed at December 1 and All Accrued Interest to Be Paid to County--Sale Insures Us Both Highways

Saturday the county Road Commission consisting of J. W. Dorton, C. G. Black and J. A. Kemmer, closed a contract with a Chicago firm for the purchase of \$100,000 of the \$200,000 road bonds authorized by an act of the last legislature.

While the closing of the contract as dependent on the opinion that is to be rendered by the attorney of the purchasers as to whether or not the county is authorized to make such a sale, that feature is considered merely formal. The act was passed regularly by both houses of the legislature and there seem no conditions whereby the authority of the county can be questioned.

DATE OF DELIVERY.

The designated date for delivery is December 1. The bonds were sold for par and the money will be placed in the Hamilton National Bank, Chattanooga, and will draw two per cent on the daily balance. Should the bonds not be ready for delivery on the date designated any accrued interest will be refunded to the county so that interest will not begin to accrue in fact until the bonds are formally delivered to the purchasers or their designated representatives. The purchasing company are to see to the printing of the bonds and the cost to the county is not to exceed \$135, which is considered a very reasonable figure.

WHEN WORK WILL BEGIN.

The Commission do not know when work will commence and are not prepared to take any definite action in that direction until the bonds are actually sold and the money paid over. In the mean time they will doubtless be collecting such information as they are able to enable them to act with intelligence and for the best interests of the county.

The people generally have entire confidence in the purpose of the commission to do everything possible to secure for the county the largest results for the money expended. They are men of the strictest integrity and will not act with undue haste to the end that as many mistakes as possible may be avoided.

Owing to the season being so far advanced it would seem hardly probable that much will be accomplished before spring.

The Commission did not deem it wise to sell more than half the authorized amount for the five per cent interest the bonds draw is more than they could hope to secure in interest on the idle money. The remainder of the bonds will doubtless be disposed of at such a time as the Commission deems best for the interest of the county.

EXPENDITURE.

Of the whole \$200,000 the act provides that \$125,000 shall be spent in building a northerly and southerly road through the county, which road is designated as the Dixie highway. Twenty thousand dollars is to be used in completing the Memphis-to-Bristol highway to the Roane and White county lines. The remaining \$55,000 is to be expended on other roads leading to the two highways mentioned.

At the meeting of the county court in July it was designated to the commissioners on what roads the \$55,000 should be spent and the number of miles the respective amounts should be distributed over. It was designated that the money should be spent on the basis of \$500 a mile, which would give us about 100 miles of improved roads

aside from the two main highways. While it is understood the suggestions offered by the county court are in no way binding upon the Commission, it is generally accepted that the Commission will conform to those suggestions as nearly as they may be able, consistent with the best interests of the tax payers as a whole.

WAR SITUATION.

The pressure against the Serbs is growing daily stronger. The great munitions factory a few miles from the Serbian capitol has been captured by the Germans and the Serbians will be in worse straits shortly because of ammunition shortage.

In France on the western front the same conditions prevail as have existed for many weeks. Small gains by first one side and then the other is all that is being accomplished.

The Germans are still hammering away at the Russian port of Riga and the outlook for capture seems little changed from a week ago. Winter will soon close the war activity in that region as snow has begun to fall and the movement of heavy artillery will be attended with the greatest difficulties.

The French and English troops have joined the Serbians in the south and hard fighting is going on there in an effort to prevent the Germans from reaching Turkey with war munitions and such other aid as is necessary.

More activity is shown against the Dardanelles, but the news dispatches tell of no gains or marked injury to either side.

The situation in Galicia between Russian and Austrian forces shows no important changes.

The Italian general offensive is claimed by Italy to be making good progress, but Austria claims attacks are generally repulsed and gains are of no special importance. It seems to be much of a give and take fight there.

J. D. WHEELER DEAD.

Yesterday at 1:35 p. m. J. D. Wheeler died, after having been confined to his room for over four years. He was 61 years of age. The remains were taken to Spring City on the early train this morning for interment. Death was due to a general breakdown as the result of age. He leaves a wife, two daughters and nine sons.

For several years he was actively engaged in timber work in this county and was well known to many of our citizens who will extend to the bereaved family kindly sympathy.

All of the immediate family had been here to see him within a week and most of them were present when death claimed him. Those who were and had been here recently are: Gaither, Tampa, Florida; Javis, Chattanooga; Charles, Crawford; Frank, Petros; Earl, Arkansas; Thomas, Jamestown; Will, Oklahoma; all sons. Misses Bertha and Ethel, daughters; Birch and Bryan, sons, live here. Mrs. Serena Walker, a sister from Rhea county, was also present. The presence of his children cheered him greatly but his failing strength could not rally sufficiently to stay the hand of death long and he passed away as stated after having been unconscious for several hours.

LAI D TO REST.

The body of the eight-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Horn was buried in the city cemetery Thursday afternoon. The funeral sermon was preached by Judge C. E. Snodgrass at the residence. The pall bearers were: Misses Bessie Potter, Gladys Comstock, Lula Bishop and Getha Payne. The young ladies were dressed in white and presented a beautiful sight that was in keeping with the purity of the sweet little life that had so recently been borne away to eternal rest.

There was a general outpouring of the people of the town and every mark of kindness and sympathy that respect and neighborly kindness could suggest was shown by the people generally. There was a profusion of flowers as a silent token of kindness and sympathy.

Relatives that were present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Milligan and LaFayette Horn, Monterey; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Smith, Mayland; Mrs. Frank Bullock, Mrs. Frank Johnson and two sons, S. J. and Horace, Mrs. Charles Huddleston, Algood; Mrs. V. K. Williams, Mrs. W. F. Clouse, Cookeville.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those kind friends who assisted us during the sickness and burial of our little son, we extend our most sincere and grateful thanks and we shall ever hold their kindness in grateful remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Horn.

NEGRO DOCTOR WINS AGAIN.

No One Appeared to Prosecute Him for Violating Age of Consent.

When the preliminary hearing came on at Kingston to try the negro doctor, Anderson, for criminal intimacy with Mary Bowman, no witnesses or prosecutor appeared and it is charged that the father of the girl accepted from the negro doctor a sum around \$500 to \$1,000 to let the thing drop.

It seems that Bowman, the father of the girl, has made two affidavits as to the age of his daughter at the time of the intimacy. He first swore that the girl was not 21 years of age. Later attorneys for the negro doctor secured an affidavit from Bowman which stated that the girl was 24 years of age at the time.

The case was dismissed for want of a prosecutor and witnesses, but there is talk that the matter will be thoroughly sifted when circuit court convenes and that every reasonable effort will be made before the grand jury to secure an indictment.

One thing stands out very clearly: The girl and her family are of a very low order of citizenship and are little damaged in fact, but in spite of that, the community has been grossly outraged and it now remains to see just how much the Kingston community takes the case to heart. That will be an unmistakable estimate of the community that will require no elucidating or explaining.

Little Misses Cora Lee and Evelyn Keyes gave a party Saturday afternoon in honor of their eighth and sixth birthdays respectively. Fifty little folks were present and spent the afternoon in games. Light refreshments were served with Halloween decorations.

The Epworth League gave a Halloween social in the M. E. church last evening, which was greatly enjoyed by those present. The evening was spent in games and contests, after which gingerbread, pumpkin pie and coffee were served.

Mrs. S. J. Horn entertained Monday night in honor of the birthdays of Misses Getha Payne and Beryl Loshbaugh. About thirty young people were present and spent a very pleasant evening. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served.

A card from Rev. C. V. Bellamy, Friendsville, states that they are now actively engaged in raising money for a new parsonage.

There will be services at the Crossville M. E. church, south, Sunday, Nov. 14, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7 p. m. Robt. Hall, Pastor.

Mrs. Leah DeGolia was pleasantly surprised last evening by her daughters, Mrs. L. W. Martin, and Miss Fannie, who prepared a six o'clock dinner in honor of her birthday to which a few friends were invited. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Comstock and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bishop. The occasion was a very pleasing one and proved a very pleasant surprise to Mrs. DeGolia.

Mrs. J. E. Taylor entertained last week with a birthday party for her little daughter, Ruth. Quite a number of boys and girls were there and a jolly afternoon was spent, after which refreshments were served.

NEW CREED BY BAPTIST DIVINE

Rev. Bradbury Does Not Think the Apostles' Creed Can Logically Be Accepted as it Reads.

At a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Baptist religion in Massachusetts, Rev. Woodman Bradbury, of Cambridge, stated that the apostles' creed "contained phrases which the modern mind cannot accept at their face value." He offered to the Baptist ministry his idea of a new creed. It was unanimously voted that the new creed be placed in the minutes of the meeting. The creed suggested follows:

"I believe in God, the Father of all races; in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit, the purifier of hearts of men."

"I believe in the gospel as the power of God; and the wisdom of God, and in Christian good will as the force to transform the world."

"I believe in the church universal, the communion of the good, the coming of the kingdom and the life everlasting."

The reception of the new creed will be watched with interest by the church world. It is liable to develop much discussion.